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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, ID
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF TEN JANUARY DETAINEES

REF: JAKARTA 4313

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH INDONESIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELE-
BRATIONS NINE STUDENTS AND ONE TEACHER WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED
ON JANUARY 20 FOR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES WERE RELEASED AUGUST 16.
THE TEACHER IS ARIEF RACHMAN, A WELL KNOWN VICE RECTOR AND LECTURER
IN ENGLISH AT THE JAKARTA TEACHERS TRAINING INSTITUTE (IKIP).
AMONG THE STUDENTS RELEASED IS FORMER UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA
STUDENT COUNCIL SECRETARY GENERAL JO RUMESER.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPECTED INDEPENDENT JAKARTA DAILY
KOMPAS, WHICH REPORTED THE RELEASE, FIVE STUDENTS ARE STILL
BEING DETAINED BY THE JAKARTA SPECIAL COMMAND (LAKSUSDA)
ALONG WITH FIVE OTHER NON-STUDENTS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN PROTEST
ACTIVITIES PRECEDING THE MPR SESSIONS IN MARCH. ONE
OF THE NON-STUDENTS STILL BEING DETAINED IS HAJI AM FATWA,
SECOND SECRETARY OF THE JAKARTA BRANCH OF THE INDONESIAN
COUNCIL OF ULAMAS.

3. ARIEF RACHMAN TOLD KOMPAS THAT HE WAS HAPPY TO BE
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ABLE TO REJOIN HIS FAMILY AND THREE CHILDREN BUT CONCERNED
THAT SOME OF HIS FELLOW DETAINEES HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED.
HE SAID THAT DURING SIX MONTHS OF DETENTION HIS DESIRE TO
SERVE HIS COUNTRY HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED AND THAT HE WAS
SURE THOSE STILL IN DETENTION FELT THE SAME WAY.

4. COMMENT: THE RELEASE WITHOUT TRIAL OF THE POPULAR

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RACHMAN, WHO BEFORE HIS ARREST HAD ALSO BEEN WIDELY KNOWN
THROUGH HIS ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM ON INDONESIAN TELE-
VISION, IS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. PRIOR TO THIS IT HAD
BEEN GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT ALL OF THE REMAINING JANUARY
DETAINEES WOULD BE PROSECUTED.
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